

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 7 is allowed.

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims were indicated allowable if amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended independent claim 8 so as to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. By obviating the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claims 8 and 9 are now allowable.

As all of the pending claims are allowable, the early issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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